

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:388
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2002
EXPORT GROWTH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's export growth has declined steadily during 2001-2002 after gaining positive growth during previous two years;
- (b) if so, whether the export growth during the first quarter of current year has further shown a declining trend;
- (c) if so, the details about exports during 2001-2002 and in the first quarter of the current year;
- (d) the extent of decline and the main items of exports showing declining trends and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken by the Government to ensure not only to increase the exports, but also to check the declining trends?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO:388
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(a) to (e) : India's exports of merchandise goods during 2001-02, registered a decline of 1.17 % as compared to the year 2001-02 due to the global economic slow down and the impact of September 11 events and its aftermath. India's exports of merchandise goods recorded a growth of 10.8% and 19.7% respectively during 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

India's exports in April-June, 2002-03 has shown a positive growth of 11.29% .

The major sectors which have shown decline in exports in 2001-02 are the following :

Items	Value (In US \$ Million)	Growth rate
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Textiles	9617.20	-10.07
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Gems & Jewellery	7305.71	-1.06
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Leather & leather goods	1905.55	-2.00
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Marine products	1213.99	-12.90
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In April 2002-03, however, the major sectors have shown positive growth which are given below:

Items	Value	
	(In US \$ Million)	Growth rate

Gems & Jewellery	625.46	56.06
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Chemicals & related Products	607.02	19.14
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Engineering	555.37	31.24
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Textiles	809.09	12.63
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Apart from the short term interventionist measures, several steps have been undertaken to improve export performance which inter alia include strengthening of Market Access Initiative (MAI), involvement of State Governments by giving Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development for Export (ASIDE) Besides the announcement of Medium Term Export Strategy for 2002-07, in the Exim Policy 2002-07, a number of measures have been announced to further boost the exports which include additional features for Special Economic Zones, a scheme to reimburse certain admissible expenses for export of certain agricultural products, development of clusters to help small scale exports, additional support for electronic hardware exports, further reduction in transaction costs, etc.